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1. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THE SOARES CABINET SWORN IN JULY
23 FOLLOWS:

A. MINISTERS:

-- JORGE CAMPINOS (MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO); MINISTER OF
FOREIGN COMMERCE IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. ELECTED IN APRIL 1976
AS PS DELEGATE FROM MADEIRA. HIGHLY REGARDED BY PS LEADERSHIP
BUT LACKS SUPPORT AMONG PARTY RANK AND FILE. PERSONALLY
CLOSE TO SOARES. HE IS EXPECTED TO SERVE AS PRIME

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MINISTER'S LINK TO THE PARTIES.

-- HENRIQUE DE BARROS (MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO): PS ELDER STATESMAN. AGRONOMIST BY TRAINING. PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL RANGES OF POLITICAL SPECTRUM. HE IS EXPECTED TO SERVE AS A TROUBLE SHOOTER, INTER ALIA, IN THE AGRARIAN SECTOR.

-- JOSE MEDEIROS FERREIRA (FOREIGN MINISTER): BORN IN AZORES. SERVED AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. AN INTELLIGENT DEFENDER OF PORTUGAL'S ATLANTIC ORIENTATION, WHICH LED TO FREQUENT DISAGREEMENTS WITH FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES.

-- LTC MANUEL COSTA BRAS (INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION): AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. HE HAS SERVED AS AN INFORMAL PS LINK WITH THE MILITARY, HE WAS MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION FROM JULY 1974 THROUGH MARCH 1975, AND LAID GROUNDWORK FOR 1975 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. NAMED "OMBUDSMAN" MARCH 1976. ACCEPTED INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION PORTFOLIO ONLY AFTER PERSONAL REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT. SELECTED AS USG LEADER GRANTEE FOR LATE 1976.

-- LTC FIRMINO MIGUEL (DEFENSE): SPINOLA'S CHOICE FOR PRIME MINISTER IN JULY 1974. FRIEND OF PPD LEADER SA CARNEIRO. MIGUEL WAS CLOSE ADVISOR TO GEN EANES IN THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF AND WAS A LEADING FIGURE IN THE EANES PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. MIGUEL, TOGETHER WITH CUNHA REGO, IS EXPECTED TO SERVE AS A LINK BETWEEN EANES AND THE SOARES GOVERNMENT.

-- ANTONIO DE ALMEIDA SANTOS (JUSTICE): COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. MINISTER OF INTER-TERRITORIAL COORDINATION FROM JULY 1974 TO AUGUST 1975. HAD REASONABLE SUCCESS FOLLOWING THE ABORTIVE NOVEMBER 1975 COUP IN REDUCING COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE MEDIA.

-- ANTONIO BARRETO (COMMERCE): EXTERNAL COMMERCE MINISTER IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. A DEFENDER OF PORTUGAL'S PLACE IN EUROPE AND THE WEST. ACOMPETENT ADMINISTRATOR. HIGHLY REGARDED WITHIN THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

-- ANTONIO DE SOUSA GOMES (ECONOMIC COORDINATION): FOUNDER OF SEDES, A LIBERAL THINK TANK, AND ITS FIRST SECRETARY-GENERAL. A MECHANICAL ENGINEER. ADMINISTRATOR OF NATIONAL TELEVISION DURING DIRECTORSHIP OF GEN EANES IN LATE 1974 AND EARLY 1975. STATE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT.

-- HENRIQUE MEDINA CARREIRA (FINANCE): UNDER SECRETARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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BUDGET IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. LAWYER AND ACCOUNTANT BY TRAINING. CONSIDERED TO BE GOOD MANAGER WITH EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF PORTUGAL'S TAX SYSTEM. IDENTIFIED WITH MODERATE PS LEADERSHIP. THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST EXPOSURE TO FULL BREATH OF POLICY FORMATION.

-- MARIO SOTTOMAYOR CARDIA (EDUCATION): DE FACTO PS PLOOR LEADER IN THE CONSTITUENT AND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES. A THEORETICIAN AND AUTHOR. MEMBER OF PS NATIONAL SECRETARIAT.

FREQUENTLY ACTS AS OFFICIAL PARTY SPOKESMAN. MAINTAINS GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

-- WALTER ROSA (INDUSTRY); SERVED BOTH AS MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND EARLIER AS MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. FAILED TO DISTINGUISH HIMSELF IN EITHER POSITION. ALTHOUGH A PS MEMBER, HE DOES NOT HAVE A STRONG BASE OF POLITICAL SUPPORT.

-- MARCELO CURTO (LABOR); A LEADING PS ACTIVIST IN THE LABOR SECTOR. LABOR LAW BACKGROUND. SERVED AS STATE SECRETARY FOR LABOR IN THE AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT WHERE HIS PERFORMANCE WAS ERRATIC. MEMBER OF PS NATIONAL SECRETARIAT.

-- ARMANDO BACELAR (SOCIAL AFFAIRS); LAWYER. STATE SECRETARY FOR JUDICIAL AFFAIRS IN ALL PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS EXCEPT FIFTH. A PS FOUNDING MEMBER. ELECTED TO CONSTITUENT AND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES.

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-- RUI VILAR (TRANSPORTATION): MINISTER OF ECONOMY FROM JULY 1974 TO MARCH 1975. VICE GOVERNOR OF BANK OF PORTUGAL FROM OCTOBER 1975 TO PRESENT. REGARDED AS OUTSTANDING ECONOMIST, BUT ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITIES UNPROVEN. ELECTED AS PS DEPUTY TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

-- EDUARDO PERREIRA (HOUSING): HOUSING SECRETARY IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. INITIALLY REJECTED BY PS LEADERSHIP BECAUSE OF COMPLAINTS BY PARTY MEMBERS OF FOOT DRAGGING ON PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO SOCIALISTS.

-- LTC ALMEIDA LIMA (PUBLIC WORKS): CAREER MILITARY OFFICER WITH ENGINEERING BACKGROUND.

-- ANTONIO LOPES CARDOSO (AGRICULTURE): PS FLOOR LEADER DURING EARLY PERIOD OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. LEFT TO BECOME AGRICULTURE MINISTER IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. A CONFIDENTIAL

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LEADER OF THE PS LEFT-WING. A STAUNCH DEFENDER OF AGRARIAN REFORM. ASKED TO REMAIN AT AGRICULTURE IN PART TO DENY HIM EITHER LEADERSHIP OF THE PS PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION OR AN IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONAL ROLE WITHIN THE PARTY. MEMBER OF PS NATIONAL SECRETARIAT.

B. SOARES'S STAFF:

-- MANUEL ALEGRE (COMMUNICATIONS STATE SECRETARY): POET AND COMPOSER. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEPUTY AND MEMBER OF PS NATIONAL SECRETARIAT. OUTSPOKENLY ANTI-COMMUNIST. SERVED AS LINK BETWEEN PS AND EANES CAMPAIGN STAFF. FREQUENTLY USED BY PARTY AS "HACHET MAN" AGAINST PPD AND CDS. USG LEADER GRANTEE SELECTION FOR LATE 1976.

-- VICTOR CUNHA REGO (ASSISTANT TO SOARES): SERVED AS SENIOR ASSISTANT TO SOARES WHILE SOARES WAS FOREIGN MINISTER. NAMED IN DECEMBER 1975 TO BE DIRECTOR OF "DIARIO NOTICIAS." SUCCESSFULLY REORIENTED PAPER, ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO CONDUCT THE THOROUGH HOUSE CLEANING HE FAVORED. MAINTAINS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH LEADERS OF OTHER DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

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